

# Crime Prevention

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**12 MONTHS OF AWARENESS  
CAMPAIGN**

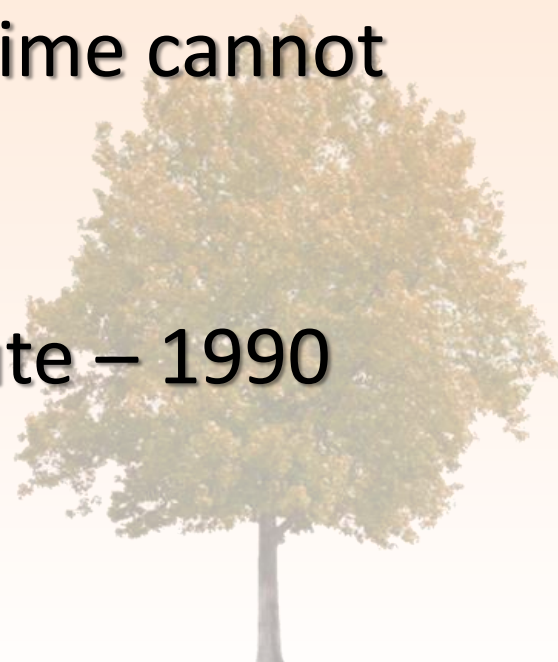




# What is Crime Prevention?

A pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed to reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the sense of safety and security, to positively influence the quality of life in our society, and to develop environments where crime cannot flourish.

- National Crime Prevention Institute – 1990



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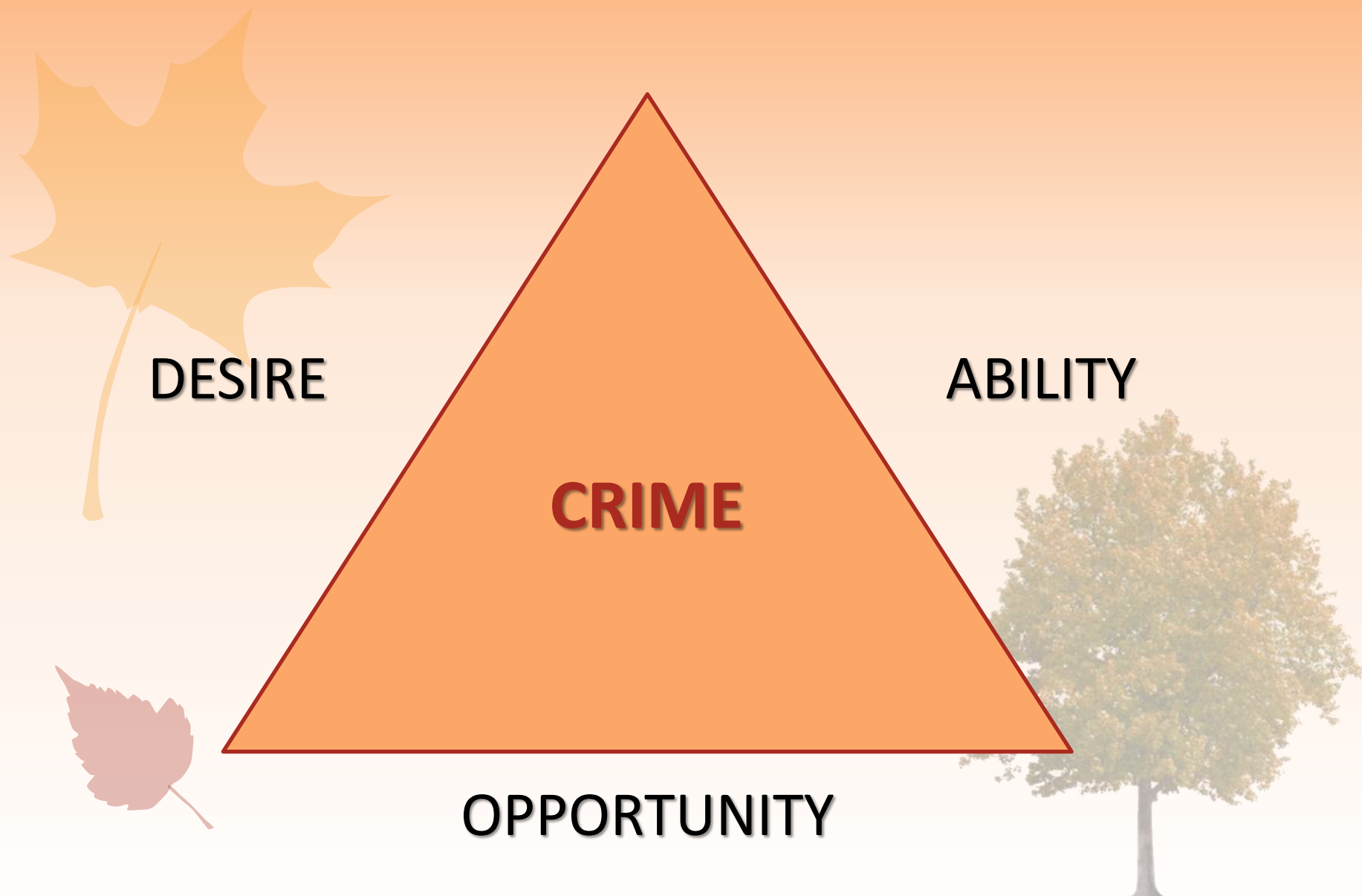
## REACTIVE

- Responding to a complaint after a crime has been committed
- Criminal Justice System are allocated to address what happens after a crime is committed.

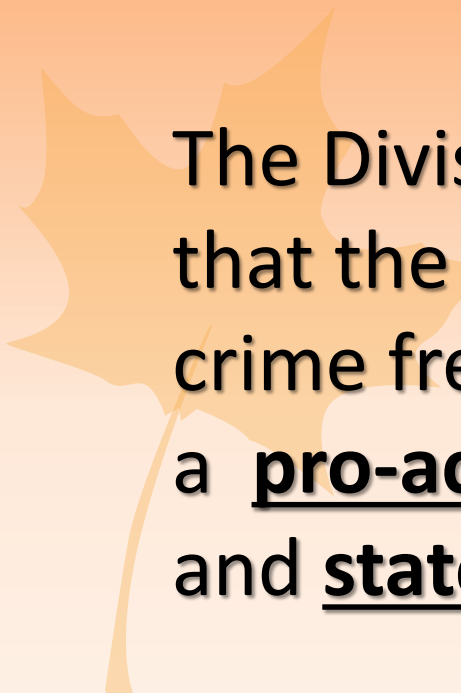
## PROACTIVE

- Neighborhood Watch
- Workplace Safety
- D.A.R.E.
- “Zero Tolerance” policies



# Crime Prevention Triangle



# Division of Capitol Police Crime Prevention



The Division of Capitol Police realize that the key to achieving a safe and crime free work environment is through a **pro-active** approach by both **police** and **state employees**.





# Crime Prevention Services

- Work Place Violence Prevention
- Workplace Theft Prevention
- Suspicious Persons
- Threatening Communications
- Personal Safety Awareness &
- So much more!



# 12 Months of Awareness Campaign



December	Holiday Safety
January	Personal Safety
February	Mental Health
March	Workplace Violence
April	Drug & Alcohol
May	Home & Family Safety
June	Firearms & Fireworks Safety
July	Traffic & Pedestrian Safety
August	Internet & Technology Safety
September	Disaster Preparedness
October	Crime Prevention
	Month/Domestic Violence
November	Identity Theft & Fraud



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# Safety Tips – Home Safety

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Keep doors, garage doors, and windows locked at all time, even when you are home
- Keep porches and all entrances well lit, i.e., driveways, garages, and alleys.
- Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers should be inscribed with an identifying number unique to its owner (do not use your SS#)
- If you are not expecting a package, delivery or service call do not answer the door.
- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working.



# Safety Tips – Family Safety

- Make sure children know their full name, address, and telephone number including area code
- Educate your household members regarding firearm safety.
- Do not allow children or unauthorized users access to firearms – storage (safes, locks, etc.)
- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Wear seat belts at all times
- Disaster Preparedness Kit

# Safety Tips – Personal Safety

- Don't look like a target
- Be alert!
- Hold your purse/briefcase tight and keep it close to your body, carry it towards the building side of the sidewalk and not the street side
- Look in, around and under your car while walking to it.
- When working late, leave to go to the parking area with a friend or coworker.
- Recognize the dynamics of domestic violence
- Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving – plan on a sober driver
- Adapt ways to cope with stress – Exercise, relaxing music, Go away for lunch, etc.

# Safety Tips – Workplace Safety

- Lock up any valuables when leaving for lunch, on a break, and at the end of the day – both personal property and state property.
- Take personal property with you during a building evacuation (unless it is unsafe to do so)
- Check the identity of any strangers who are in your office.
- If you notice signs of potential violence in a fellow employee, report this to the appropriate person.
- Immediately report any incidents of sexual harassment to your supervisor and/or human resource department.
- Be aware of signs that may indicate possible workplace drug or alcohol problems
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

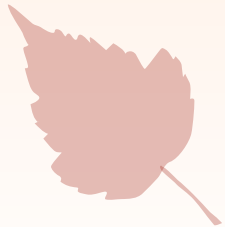


# Safety Tips – Cyber Safety

- Choose a strong password & protect it
- Install or update your software and antivirus
- Protect your personal information
- Never respond to messages from unfamiliar persons
- Look for web pages that have proper title, additional resources, or a person that you are able to contact.
- Do not use public computers or unsecured wireless networks for online shopping
- Understand the social media app you are using

# Safety Tips – Identity Theft Safety

- Don't give out personal information over the phone
- Shred all documents
  - Bank Statements
  - Preapproved Credit Card Offers
  - Cancelled Checks
- Review financial statements regularly



# Training and Events

If you would like to schedule a presentation  
for your group please contact

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Training and educational materials are  
provided at no cost to state agencies within  
Capitol Police jurisdiction.



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**Next Month....**

**Identity Theft and Fraud**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

**Location To Be Announced**



**HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN**